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# DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE TO REISSUE A UPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO REISSUE A UTAH POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (UPDES) PERMIT UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, SECTION 19-5-104(9) AND 107(2), UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 1953, AS AMENDED. SAID "PERMIT" REFERS TO THE UPDES PERMIT AND THE FACT SHEET STATEMENT OF BASIS (INCLUDING TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL'S)) IF APPLICABLE, AS PER SECTION 303(D) OF THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA)].

#### PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME:

Energy West Deer Creek Mine

**MAILING ADDRESS** 

15 North Main, Huntington, UT 84528

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(435) 687-4712

FACILITY LOCATION:

Huntington Canyon off Highway 31 approximately eight miles northwest of

Huntington, Utah in Emery County

UPDES PERMIT NO.:

UT0023604

PERMITTED OUTFALLS

001 and 002

RECEIVING WATER:

Deer Creek a tributary of Huntington Creek

### **BACKGROUND**

Based on the fact that Deer Creek Mine (DCM) has increased its discharge rate and has an increase in the design flow from 1.0 MGD in the existing permit to 5.0 MGD (total from Outfall 001 and 002) in this renewal permit a level II ADR was required. The Level II review was completed and received by the Division of Water Quality on November 18, 2013. The Level II submission received DWQ certification and approval on November 19, 2013. Energy West (a subsidiary of PacifiCorp) DCM is an underground coal mining operation. This coal is used primarily at the Huntington Power Plant. The coal is transported by tram (conveyor belt) to the Huntington Plant.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on January 2, 2015. Written public comments can be submitted to: Mike Herkimer, UPDES Engineering Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: mherkimer@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the permit issuance, revise it, or abandon it. The permit is available for public review under "Public Participation" at <a href="https://www.waterquality.utah.gov/">www.waterquality.utah.gov/</a>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Mike Herkimer at 801-536-4386.